# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Shortage of Agricultural Colleges
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that lack of agricultural colleges in the country is posing a huge deterrent in producing quality professionals who can usher in new ideas in agriculture sector;

(b) if so, the actions taken by the Government to ensure development of scientific research in agriculture sector;

(c) whether the Government is taking any efforts under Indian Council of Agricultural Research to ensure employability and quality of graduates produced by various agricultural universities and colleges in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) Agriculture including agricultural education being a State subject, the agricultural universities/colleges work under the administrative control of the concerned State governments. Assessment of quality professionals in agriculture and requirement of agricultural colleges, therefore, falls under the domain of States.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through its Plan Scheme, "Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India" provides support in specific niche areas in competitive mode to improve the quality of research and for attaining excellence in specific strategic areas in education and research in the Universities. The aim is to strengthen agricultural education and research through excellence in teaching, research, capacity building & other services in specific field.

(c) & (d): To ensure quality of agricultural education in the country following measures have been taken by the ICAR:-

â€¢ Accreditation is done to ensure the quality of higher agricultural education in Agricultural Universities (AUs) and its constituent colleges.

â€¢ Revision of courses curricula from time to time to assure the quality of Agricultural Education.

â€¢ To promote Higher Agricultural Education in the country, attract and retain the talent and reduce the inbreeding in agricultural education, ICAR conducts the All India Entrance Examination for Admission (AIEEA-UG) for 15% seats in Bachelor degree programmes, 25% seats each in Masters and Ph.D. degree programmes. The ICAR awards National Talent Scholarship (NTS) in Agriculture & Allied Science subjects (other than Veterinary Science) for pursuing Masters' programme and Senior Research Fellowships for pursuing Ph.D. degree programmes in Agriculture & Allied Sciences in Universities under ICAR-AU system.

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